FREE COMIC BOOK DAY
Archie COMICS
CAPCOM
MEGAMAN X
WARNING
WARNING
JOURNEY INTO THE FUTURE IN...
X THE FACTOR
ARCHIECOMICS.COM
FROM YOUR PALS 'N' GALS AT ARCHIE COMICS AND THE BEST COMIC STORE IN THE WORLD:

IN THE YEAR 20XX, A ROBOT NAMED X WAS CREATED BY DR. THOMAS LIGHT. X WAS PROGRAMMED WITH THE ABILITY TO MAKE HIS OWN CHOICES, SOMETHING DR. LIGHT FEARED THE WORLD WAS NOT READY TO ACCEPT. X WAS SEALED AWAY UNTIL THE DAY THE WORLD WOULD BE READY FOR HIM. THAT TIME HAS COME.

MEGAMAN X™

PREVIOUSLY...

THE X FACTOR

In a future world where robots and humans live together in harmony, an archaeologist named Dr. Cain works to uncover the mysteries of advanced robotics.

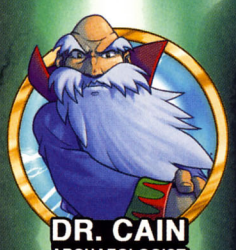
One day, during one of his excavations, Dr. Cain uncovered the remains of an old laboratory which belonged to none other than the father of advanced robotics, Dr. Thomas Light.

Dr. Cain is ecstatic to be in the old workplace of such an important scientific figure, little does he know that what he will find will change his world forever...

CHARACTER SELECT

MEGA MAN X
THE LAST SON OF LIGHT

ZERO
MAVERICK HUNTER



DR. CAIN
ARCHAEOLOGIST

SIGMA
LEADER OF THE MAVERICK HUNTERS

IAN FLYNN
SCRIPT

PATRICK SPAZIANTE
LINE ART - part 1 / PENCILS - part 2

RICK BRYANT
INKS -part 2

JOHN WORKMAN
LETTERS

MATT HERMS
COLORS

T. REX
COVER

VINCENT LOVALLO
ASSISTANT EDITOR

PAUL KAMINSKI
EDITOR/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EDITORIAL

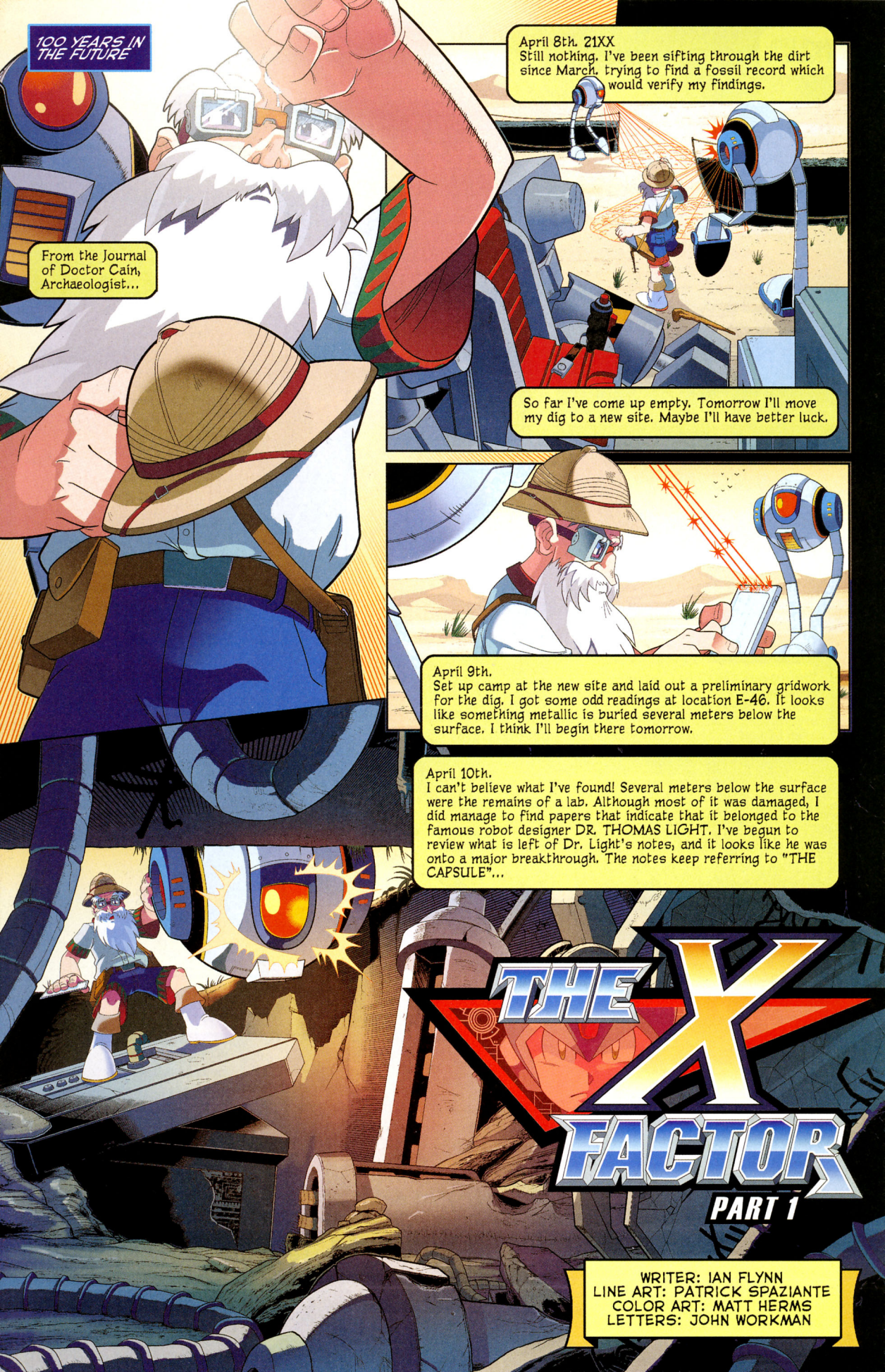
VICTOR GORELICK
EDITOR IN CHIEF

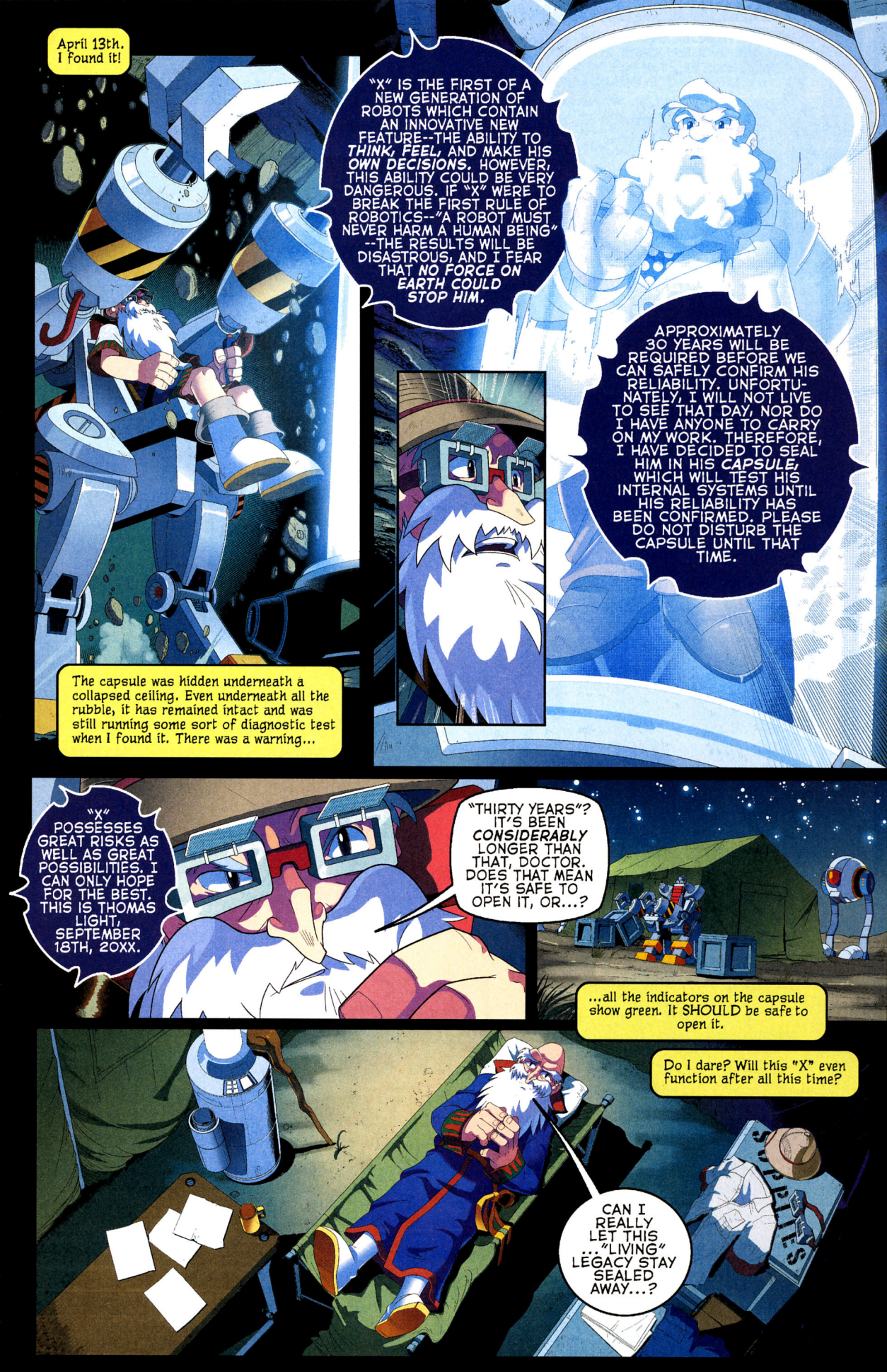
MIKE PELLERITO
PRESIDENT

JON GOLDWATER
PUBLISHER

SPECIAL THANKS TO
BRIAN OLIVEIRA
AT CAPCOM MEDIA AND CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND TO 飛田 栄実

SONIC COMIC ORIGINS AND MEGA MAN® X, FREE COMIC BOOK DAY EDITION. No 1, June/July, 2014. Published by Archie Comic Publications, Inc., 325 Fayette Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543-2318. Jonathan Goldwater, Publisher/Co-CEO. Nancy Silberkleit, Co-CEO. Mike Pellerito, President. Victor Gorelick, Co-President. SEGA, Sonic The Hedgehog, and all related characters and indicia are either registered trademarks or trademarks of SEGA CORPORATION © 1991-2014. SEGA CORPORATION and SONICTEAM, LTD./SEGA CORPORATION © 1991-2014. CAPCOM, Mega Man, and all related characters are either registered trademarks or trademarks of CAPCOM CO., LTD. ©CAPCOM. This product is published and sold by Archie Comic Publications, Inc. utilizing Capcom's intellectual property, under license by Capcom. www.capcom.com. All Rights Reserved. The product is manufactured under license from Sega of America, Inc., 350 Rhode Island Street, Ste 400, San Francisco, CA 94103 www.sega.com. Any similarities between characters, names, persons, and/or institutions in this book and any living, dead, or fictional characters, names, persons, and/or institutions are not intended and if they exist, are purely coincidental. Printed in USA


100 YEARS IN THE FUTURE
From the Journal of Doctor Cain, Archaeologist...
April 8th. 21XX
Still nothing. I've been sifting through the dirt since March, trying to find a fossil record which would verify my findings.
So far I've come up empty. Tomorrow I'll move my dig to a new site. Maybe I'll have better luck.
April 9th.
Set up camp at the new site and laid out a preliminary gridwork for the dig. I got some odd readings at location E-46. It looks like something metallic is buried several meters below the surface. I think I'll begin there tomorrow.
April 10th.
I can't believe what I've found! Several meters below the surface were the remains of a lab. Although most of it was damaged, I did manage to find papers that indicate that it belonged to the famous robot designer DR. THOMAS LIGHT. I've begun to review what is left of Dr. Light's notes, and it looks like he was onto a major breakthrough. The notes keep referring to "THE CAPSULE"...
THE X FACTOR
PART 1
WRITER: IAN FLYNN
LINE ART: PATRICK SPAZIANTE
COLOR ART: MATT HERMS
LETTERS: JOHN WORKMAN

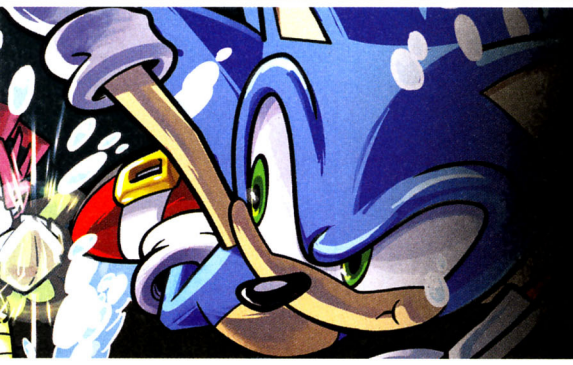

April 13th. I found it!
"X" IS THE FIRST OF A NEW GENERATION OF ROBOTS WHICH CONTAIN AN INNOVATIVE NEW FEATURE--THE ABILITY TO *THINK, FEEL,* AND MAKE HIS *OWN DECISIONS.* HOWEVER, THIS ABILITY COULD BE VERY DANGEROUS. IF "X" WERE TO BREAK THE FIRST RULE OF ROBOTICS--"A ROBOT MUST NEVER HARM A HUMAN BEING" --THE RESULTS WILL BE DISASTROUS, AND I FEAR THAT *NO FORCE ON EARTH COULD STOP HIM.*
APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE WE CAN SAFELY CONFIRM HIS RELIABILITY. UNFORTUNATELY, I WILL NOT LIVE TO SEE THAT DAY, NOR DO I HAVE ANYONE TO CARRY ON MY WORK. THEREFORE, I HAVE DECIDED TO SEAL HIM IN HIS *CAPSULE,* WHICH WILL TEST HIS INTERNAL SYSTEMS UNTIL HIS RELIABILITY HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB THE CAPSULE UNTIL THAT TIME.
The capsule was hidden underneath a collapsed ceiling. Even underneath all the rubble, it has remained intact and was still running some sort of diagnostic test when I found it. There was a warning...
"X" POSSESSES GREAT RISKS AS WELL AS GREAT POSSIBILITIES. I CAN ONLY HOPE FOR THE BEST. THIS IS THOMAS LIGHT, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 20XX.
"THIRTY YEARS"? IT'S BEEN *CONSIDERABLY* LONGER THAN THAT, DOCTOR. DOES THAT MEAN IT'S SAFE TO OPEN IT, OR...?
...all the indicators on the capsule show green. It SHOULD be safe to open it.
Do I dare? Will this "X" even function after all this time?
CAN I REALLY LET THIS ..."LIVING" LEGACY STAY SEALED AWAY...?

April 14th...
BEEP
HISSSSSS
SSSSSSSSS
...today I met "X." Not simply a robot, X is something totally different.
...HELLO?
WHO ...ARE YOU?
At times, X seems more like a man than a machine.

SUPPLIES
April 15th.
Light was a genius! I've been going over his design notes, and they are a quantum leap beyond anything the world has ever seen.
Using them as a guide, I may be able to replicate his designs and integrate them into a new generation of robots. Doctor Light wanted to share these remarkable machines with the world, and I intend to see his dream fulfilled! I'll begin transporting X and the rest of Dr. Light's things back to my lab tomorrow.
November 22nd.
With X's help, I have completed the first "Reploid."
Although I don't completely understand how all of Dr. Light's systems work, I was able to make some minor modifications, and the reploid seems to be functioning perfectly.
And to think--some said my genius was wasted on archaeology --ho-ho!
The reploid's strength and intelligence seem limitless, and he is able to make his own decisions.
In fact, we got into our first argument. How intriguing!

January 3rd.
The new reploids have been running off the assembly line for several weeks. It's amazing how easily they have been able to adapt to even the most difficult jobs.
It still is a bit odd to see them working side-by-side with humans, but everyone seems to be happy to accept them.
Doctor Light's dream has finally been realized, and I could not be prouder to have played my part in it all.
A WORLD WITH ROBOTS AND HUMANS WORKING AND LIVING TOGETHER...IT CAME ABOUT SO QUICKLY.
DOCTOR LIGHT... YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DECADES BEFORE I'D BE READY FOR THE WORLD...FOR THE WORLD TO BE READY FOR ROBOTS LIKE ME. NOW THERE ARE REPLOIDS BEING PRODUCED BY THE HUNDREDS EVERY DAY. I JUST... WORRY...
"...ARE WE MOVING FORWARD TOO FAST?"

ADRENALINE



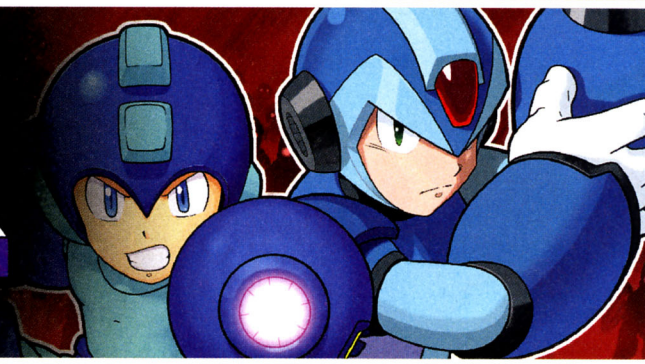
SONIC™ THE HEDGEHOG

WAVES OF CHANGE

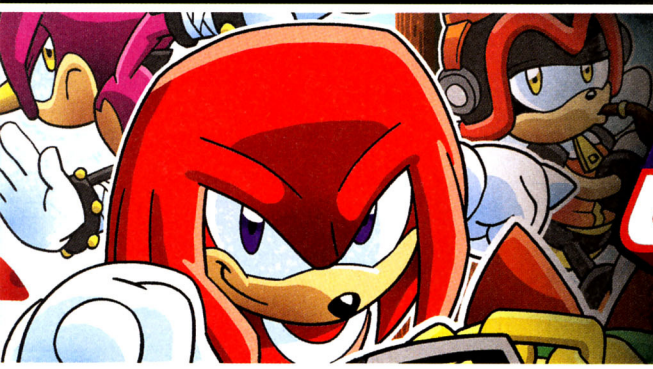
ADVENTURE

MEGA MAN™

DAWN OF X



AWESOME



SONIC UNIVERSE™

THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER

ALWAYS FROM Archie® COMICS

SCAN THIS CODE TO GO TO THE ARCHIE STORE!

SEGA®

CAPCOM

VISIT US @

twitter.com/ArchieComics #ArchieComics

facebook.com/ArchieComicsOfficial

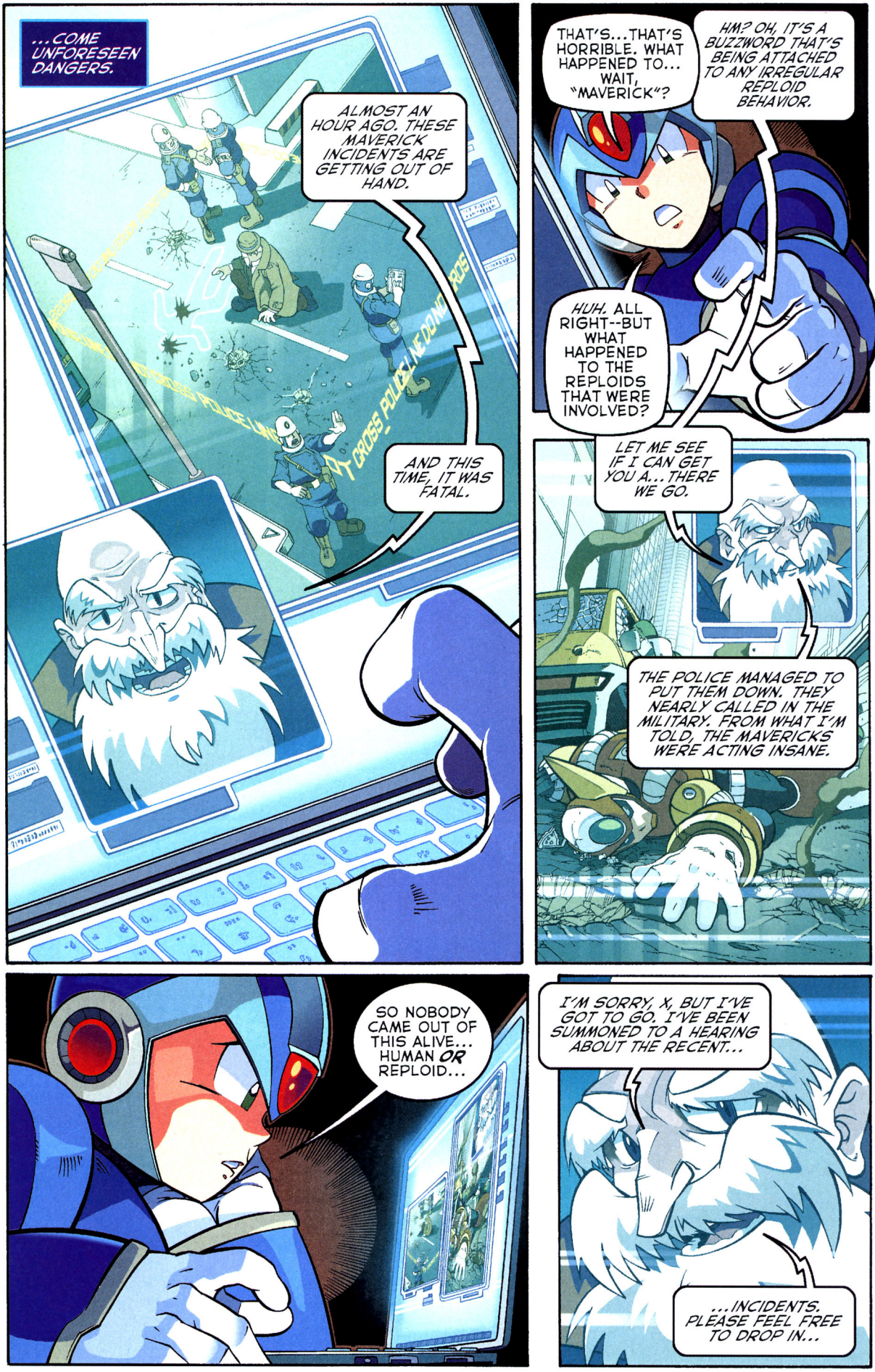
©SEGA. Licensed for use by ARCHIE COMIC PUBLICATIONS, INC. ©CAPCOM. Licensed for use by ARCHIE COMIC PUBLICATIONS, INC.

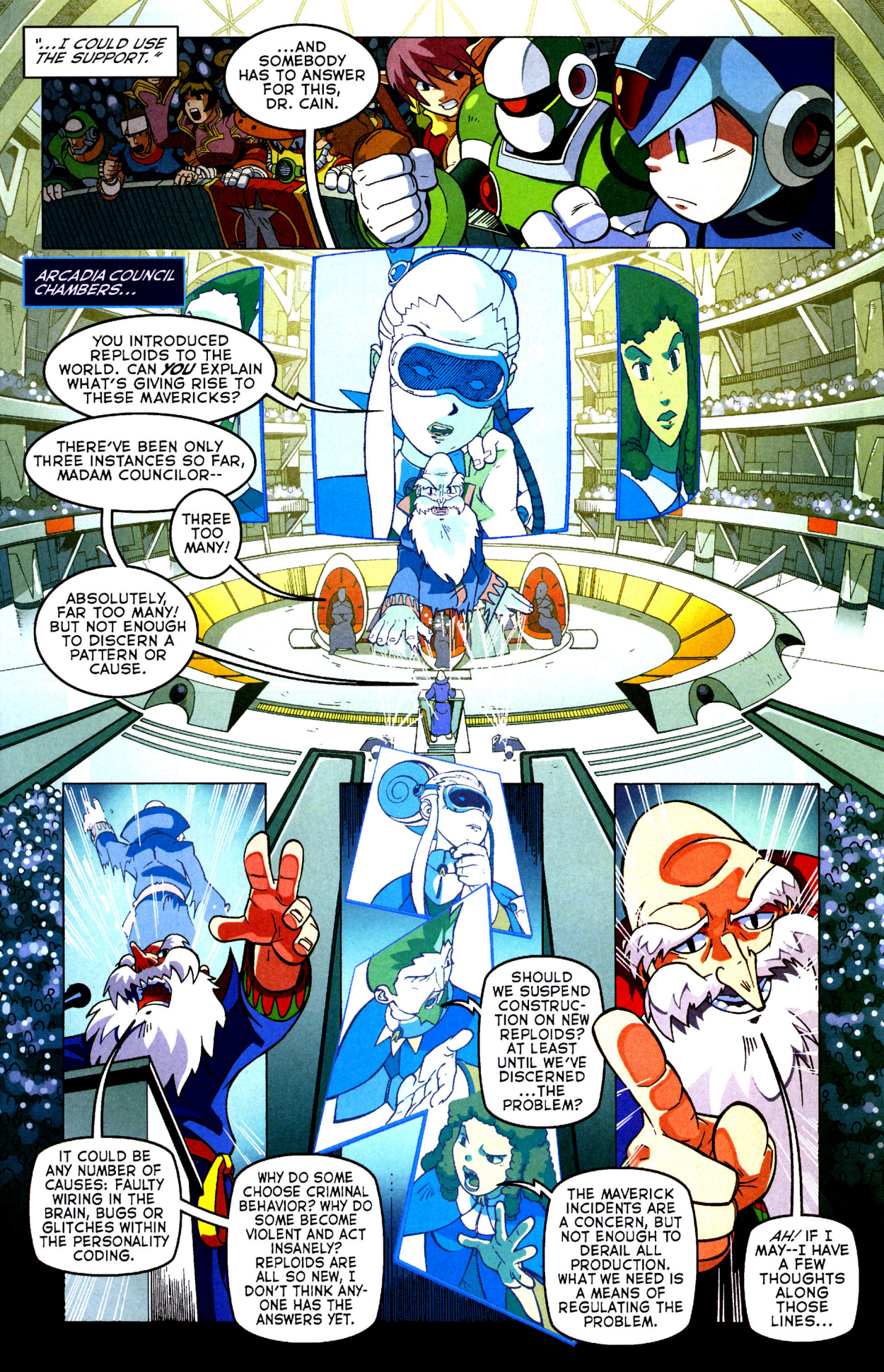
COMIC SHOP LOCATOR SERVICE
888-COMIC-BOOK
comicshoplocator.com

GET ALL THESE GREAT ARCHIE COMICS & GRAPHIC NOVELS AT YOUR LOCAL COMIC BOOK RETAILER. TO SEE MORE GREAT ARCHIE COMICS READING, GO TO

ARCHIECOMICS.COM

THE CITY OF ARCADIA--IN THE YEAR 21XX...
...REFERRED TO BY MANY AS THE CENTER OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD.
THE X FACTOR
PART 2
WRITER: IAN FLYNN
PENCILS: PATRICK SPAZIANTE
INKS: RICK BRYANT
COLORS: MATT HERMS
LETTERS: JOHN WORKMAN
MUCH OF ITS SUCCESS IS THANKS TO THE INVENTION OF REPLOIDS.
UNLIKE THE ROBOT MASTERS OF THE LAST CENTURY, THE REPLOIDS ARE FULLY ABLE TO THINK, FEEL, AND LIVE AS INDIVIDUALS.
TAXI
FOR THEIR PART, THE REPLOIDS HAVE BECOME A CRUCIAL PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE, LIVING SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH HUMANITY.
BUT THE REPLOIDS ARE STILL A VERY NEW TECHNOLOGY, AND AS WITH ANYTHING NEW...
OH, NO... WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?


...COME UNFORESEEN DANGERS.
ALMOST AN HOUR AGO. THESE MAVERICK INCIDENTS ARE GETTING OUT OF HAND.
AND THIS TIME, IT WAS FATAL.
THAT'S...THAT'S HORRIBLE. WHAT HAPPENED TO... WAIT, "MAVERICK"?
HM? OH, IT'S A BUZZWORD THAT'S BEING ATTACHED TO ANY IRREGULAR REPLOID BEHAVIOR.
HUH. ALL RIGHT--BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REPLOIDS THAT WERE INVOLVED?
LET ME SEE IF I CAN GET YOU A...THERE WE GO.
THE POLICE MANAGED TO PUT THEM DOWN. THEY NEARLY CALLED IN THE MILITARY. FROM WHAT I'M TOLD, THE MAVERICKS WERE ACTING INSANE.
SO NOBODY CAME OUT OF THIS ALIVE... HUMAN OR REPLOID...
I'M SORRY, X, BUT I'VE GOT TO GO. I'VE BEEN SUMMONED TO A HEARING ABOUT THE RECENT...
...INCIDENTS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DROP IN...

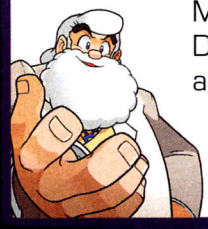

"...I COULD USE THE SUPPORT."
...AND SOMEBODY HAS TO ANSWER FOR THIS, DR. CAIN.
ARCADIA COUNCIL CHAMBERS...
YOU INTRODUCED REPLOIDS TO THE WORLD. CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHAT'S GIVING RISE TO THESE MAVERICKS?
THERE'VE BEEN ONLY THREE INSTANCES SO FAR, MADAM COUNCILOR--
THREE TOO MANY!
ABSOLUTELY, FAR TOO MANY! BUT NOT ENOUGH TO DISCERN A PATTERN OR CAUSE.
SHOULD WE SUSPEND CONSTRUC-TION ON NEW REPLOIDS? AT LEAST UNTIL WE'VE DISCERNED ...THE PROBLEM?
IT COULD BE ANY NUMBER OF CAUSES: FAULTY WIRING IN THE BRAIN, BUGS OR GLITCHES WITHIN THE PERSONALITY CODING.
WHY DO SOME CHOOSE CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR? WHY DO SOME BECOME VIOLENT AND ACT INSANELY? REPLOIDS ARE ALL SO NEW, I DON'T THINK ANY-ONE HAS THE ANSWERS YET.
THE MAVERICK INCIDENTS ARE A CONCERN, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO DERAIL ALL PRODUCTION. WHAT WE NEED IS A MEANS OF REGULATING THE PROBLEM.
AH! IF I MAY--I HAVE A FEW THOUGHTS ALONG THOSE LINES...

MONTHS LATER...
From the Journal of Doctor Cain...
It's been two months since Sigma took control of the Maverick Hunters, and he and his Hunters have been able to prevent any further injury to the population.
Sigma is one of the most intelligent reploids I've created, and contains my latest circuit designs.
His systems should be immune to any problems.
Organized units have been placed around the world, handling every form of Maverick activity.
With Sigma in command, everyone is starting to breathe a little easier.

AH, X. YOU'VE BEEN COMING BY TO INSPECT OUR WORK A LOT RECENTLY. THINKING OF FINALLY JOINING MY HUNTERS?
I DON'T THINK I WANT TO BE IN A POSITION TO RETIRE A REPLOID, MAVERICK OR NOT.
THEN WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?
I'M...LOOKING FOR ANSWERS, I GUESS. THE MAVERICKS ARE A PROBLEM, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THE HUNTERS ARE THE BEST SOLUTION.
YOU THINK WE'RE ONLY FIGHTING THE SYMPTOMS AND NOT THE DISEASE?
...SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
X, IT SEEMS YOU FEEL MORE DEEPLY THAN ANY OF US. IT'S ONE OF THE MANY THINGS I FIND REMARKABLE ABOUT YOU.
IF THERE'S ANOTHER WAY TO FIND LASTING PEACE BETWEEN US AND THE HUMANS, I'M SURE *YOU'LL* FIND IT.
UNTIL THEN; *I'LL* KEEP US SAFE.
TO BE CONTINUED IN MEGA MAN #37--
DAWN OF X--Part one!
DON'T MISS THE TIME-SPANNING X-OVER OF A LIFETIME!

MEGA MAN™

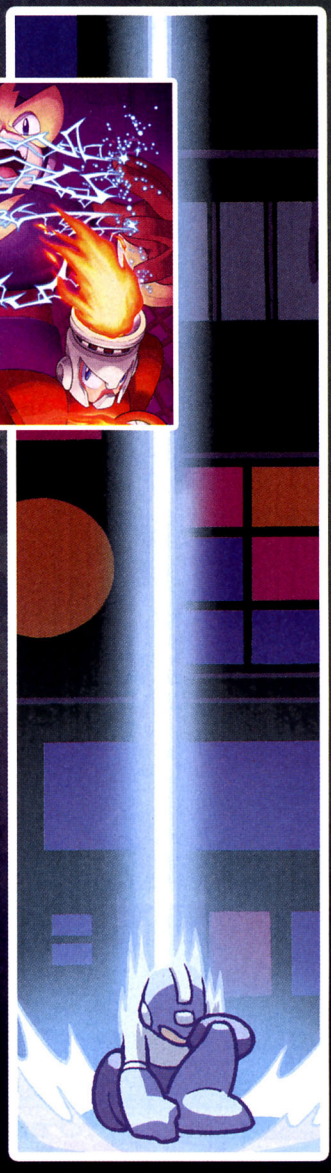
THE STORY SO FAR...



Mega Man was originally built as the helper robot "Rock," model number DLN-001. He and his sister, Roll, were meant to be both lab assistants and children to the brilliant robotics inventor, Dr. Thomas Light. His dream: to help create a future where humans and robots coexisted in peace and prosperity. To that end, Dr. Light and his long-time friend, Dr. Albert W. Wily, created the first Robot Masters.

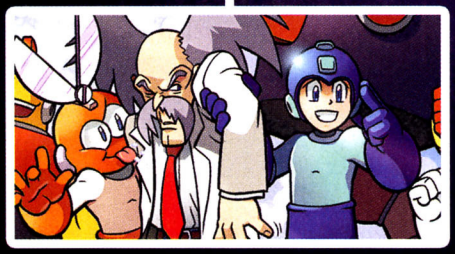
THE ADVENTURES OF THE SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT!

The dream became a nightmare when the jealous and bitter Dr. Wily stole the Robot Masters and turned them into his personal army. Humanity was defenseless! To protect everyone and save the world, Rock had himself turned into Mega Man, the super fighter robot!



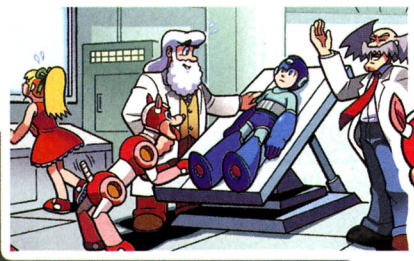
A BATTLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL

Mega Man defeated Dr. Wily's first two waves of Robot Masters, but Wily has proved to be quite persistent, creating even MORE troublesome robots for our hero to duel!



THE SPIRIT OF THE MACHINE

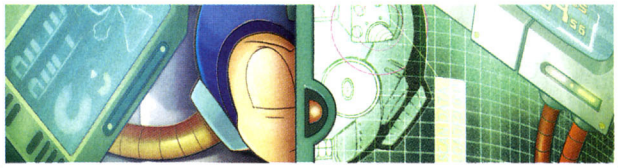
Dr. Wily eventually retreated to the mysterious Lanfront Ruins where he stumbled upon an alien super-computer called Ra Moon. At first it appeared that the alien was aiding Dr. Wily in creating his new line of Robot Masters, but in reality Ra Moon was plotting a worldwide blackout in order to dispose of humankind! Mega Man was able to defeat Ra Moon, but was almost completely destroyed in the process. Luckily, Dr. Wily was able to bring Mega Man back to Dr. Light. Together the doctors rebuilt Mega Man so that the world could have its hero once again.

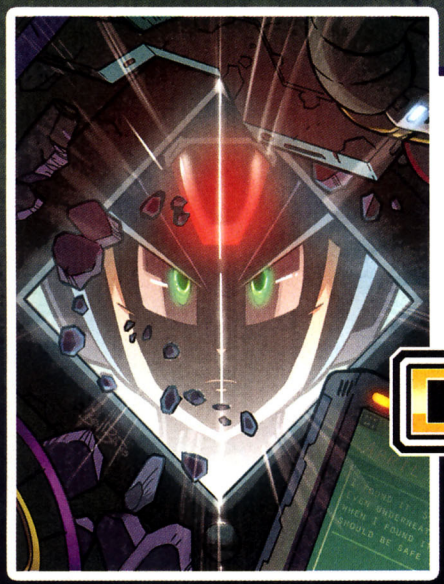


A VARIABLE FOR THE FUTURE

Mega Man continues to fight for justice, and his resolve has never been stronger. The future holds unlimited possibilities for Mega Man and those like him to continue to live alongside humanity, and Dr. Light's scientific ambition is far from fulfilled.

Fast-forward to years later, when the good doctor would finally unlock the key to the total integration of his robot creations into society.





It was the ability of free will, something that always lay just beyond beyond the limitations of Mega Man's programming. Dr. Light's last son, named after the variable, "X," would be the one to possess such capabilities. After over 100 years of lying dormant, his time has finally come.

Welcome to the future. Welcome to the...

DAWN OF X

AND THE STORY CONTINUES...

THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES!

MEGA MAN™

MONTHLY FROM ARCHIE COMICS!

GET ALL THESE GREAT ARCHIE COMICS & GRAPHIC NOVELS AT YOUR **LOCAL COMIC BOOK RETAILER.**
TO SEE MORE GREAT ARCHIE COMICS READING, GO TO **ARCHIECOMICS.COM**

COMIC SHOP LOCATOR SERVICE
888-COMIC-BOOK
comicshoplocator.com

Archie COMICS

©CAPCOM. Licensed for use by ARCHIE COMIC PUBLICATIONS, INC.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
Archie COMICS
SEGA
WANTED
IN THIS ISSUE: ALL IS REVEALED IN
SONIC COMIC ORIGINS
DIRECT EDITION
00111>
7 62816 20141 4
ARCHIECOMICS.COM

Welcome to Sonic's comic book adventures – A world unique & beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where Sonic and his friends work to save the world from the forces of evil!

SONIC™ THE HEDGEHOG

PREVIOUSLY...

ORIGINS OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

Sonic the Hedgehog and his pals are the only force able to stand up to the evil scientist, Dr. Eggman!

The evil doctor's forces of world domination have tried time and time again to enslave the free creatures of the planet and to conquer anything or anyone in their path!

Only the super-speedy heroics of everyone's favorite blue hedgehog have saved the day (and looked way cool while doing it)!

While Sonic and the Freedom Fighters may be veteran heroes now, their lifestyle of performing super heroics was not something they were simply born into. For team members Sally Acorn and Rotor the Walrus, the journey to form and join the Freedom Fighters was a path they found for themselves. **Little did they know that their lives would change forever...**

WHO'S WHO

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
WORLD HERO

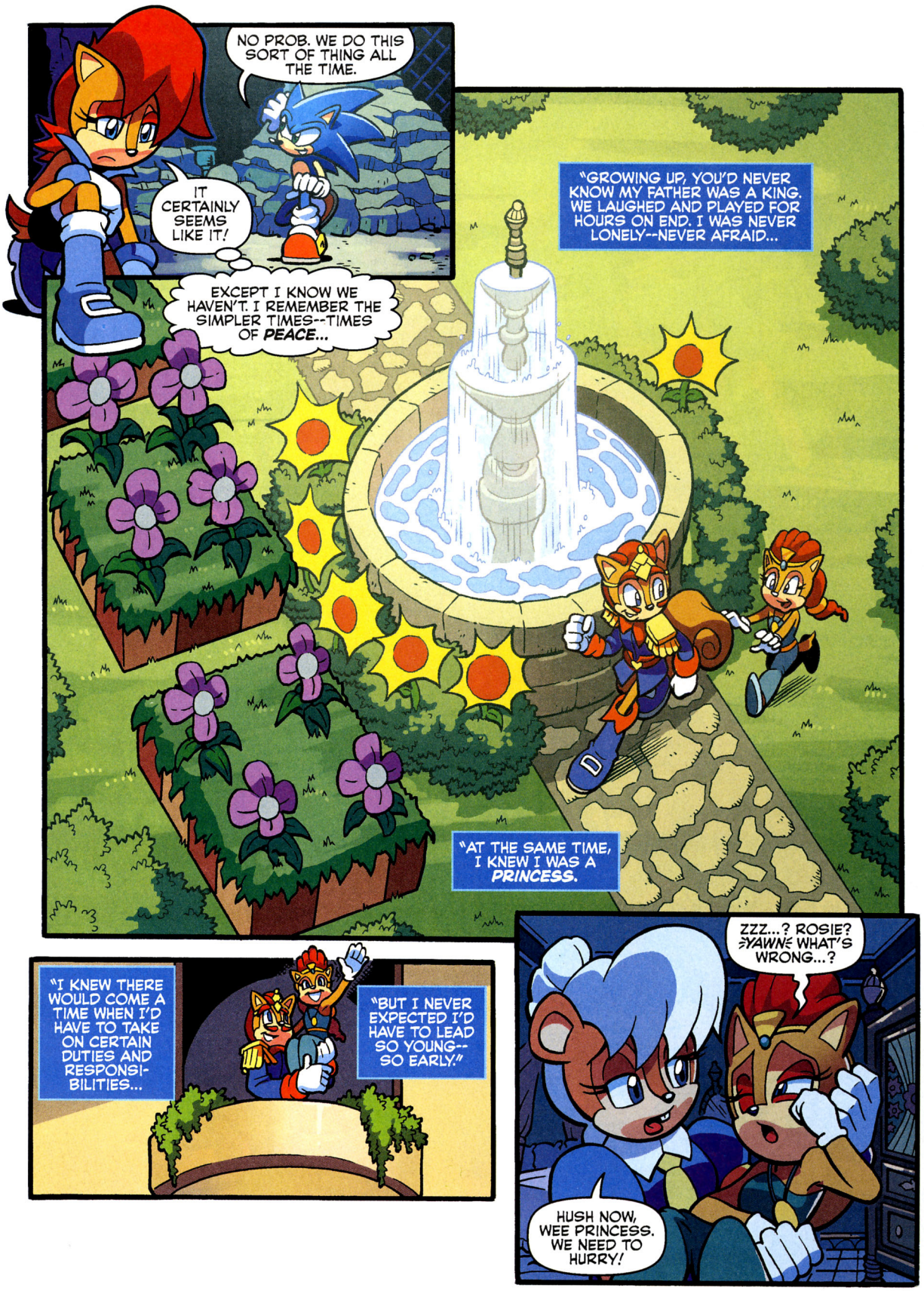
MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S BEST FRIEND

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
SALLY, ANTOINE, NICOLE, AMY, BUNNIE & ROTOR

DR. EGGMAN
MAD SCIENTIST

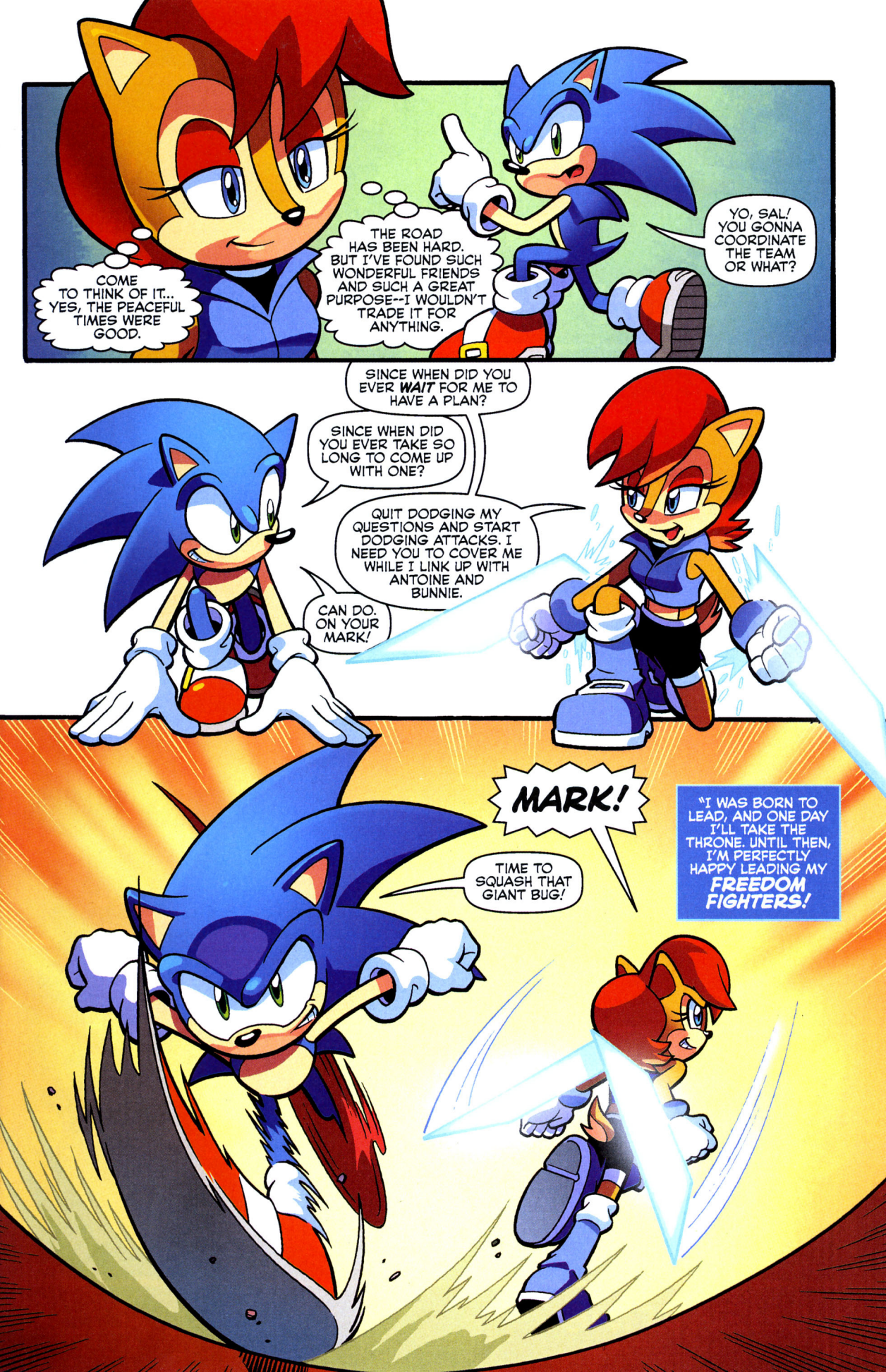
SAL!
GET DOWN!
ABOARD THE SKY PATROL --TRAINING SIMULATOR
HAHAHAHAHA
YO, NICOLE! THIS EXERCISE IS SUPPOSED TO BE "CHALLENGING," NOT "MENTALLY SCARRING!"
SONIC COMIC ORIGINS
SALLY--THE EXILED LEADER
Uh-HUH. THANKS FOR THE SAVE.

WRITER: IAN FLYNN / PENCILS: LAMAR WELLS / INKS: GARY MARTIN / COLORS: MATT HERMS / LETTERS: JACK MORELLI
COVER by: TRACY YARDLEY / ASSIST. EDITOR: VINCENT LOVALLO / EDITOR/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of EDITORIAL: PAUL KAMINSKI
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: VICTOR GORELICK / PRESIDENT: MIKE PELLERITO / PUBLISHER: JON GOLDWATER
THANKS TO: ANTHONY GACCIONE and the CHARACTER BUSINESS and LICENSING DEPARTMENT of SEGA CORPORATION


NO PROB. WE DO THIS SORT OF THING ALL THE TIME.
IT CERTAINLY SEEMS LIKE IT!
EXCEPT I KNOW WE HAVEN'T. I REMEMBER THE SIMPLER TIMES--TIMES OF PEACE...
"GROWING UP, YOU'D NEVER KNOW MY FATHER WAS A KING. WE LAUGHED AND PLAYED FOR HOURS ON END. I WAS NEVER LONELY--NEVER AFRAID...
"AT THE SAME TIME, I KNEW I WAS A PRINCESS.
"I KNEW THERE WOULD COME A TIME WHEN I'D HAVE TO TAKE ON CERTAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSI-BILITIES...
"BUT I NEVER EXPECTED I'D HAVE TO LEAD SO YOUNG--SO EARLY."
ZZZ...? ROSIE? =YAWN= WHAT'S WRONG...?
HUSH NOW, WEE PRINCESS. WE NEED TO HURRY!

"MY FATHER HAD BEEN BETRAYED BY HIS ADVISOR--THE MAN WHO WE'VE COME TO KNOW AS DR. EGGMAN.
"DADDY AND THE ROYAL WIZARD, NAUGUS, HAD BEEN TRICKED AND BANISHED TO THE SPECIAL ZONE.
"WE FLED INTO THE NIGHT AND THE BADNIKS TOOK CONTROL OF THE CITY. I WAS POWERLESS TO STOP IT. ALL I COULD DO WAS WATCH.
"WE HID IN THE VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE, DEEP IN THE WOOD ZONE.
BUT EVEN THAT REMOTE VILLAGE WASN'T COMPLETELY SAFE. WE COULD RUN BUT WE COULDN'T HIDE FOREVER.
"'EASY' WOULDN'T BRING JUSTICE OR GET MY KINGDOM BACK.
"INSPIRED BY SONIC'S HEROISM, I BROUGHT TOGETHER THE--
"WE WERE ORPHANS AND RUNAWAYS. WE WERE WOUNDED, FRIGHTENED AND LOST. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY EASY TO CURL UP IN THE SHADOWS AND GIVE UP.
"BUT 'EASY' WOULDN'T AVENGE THE FALLEN.
FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

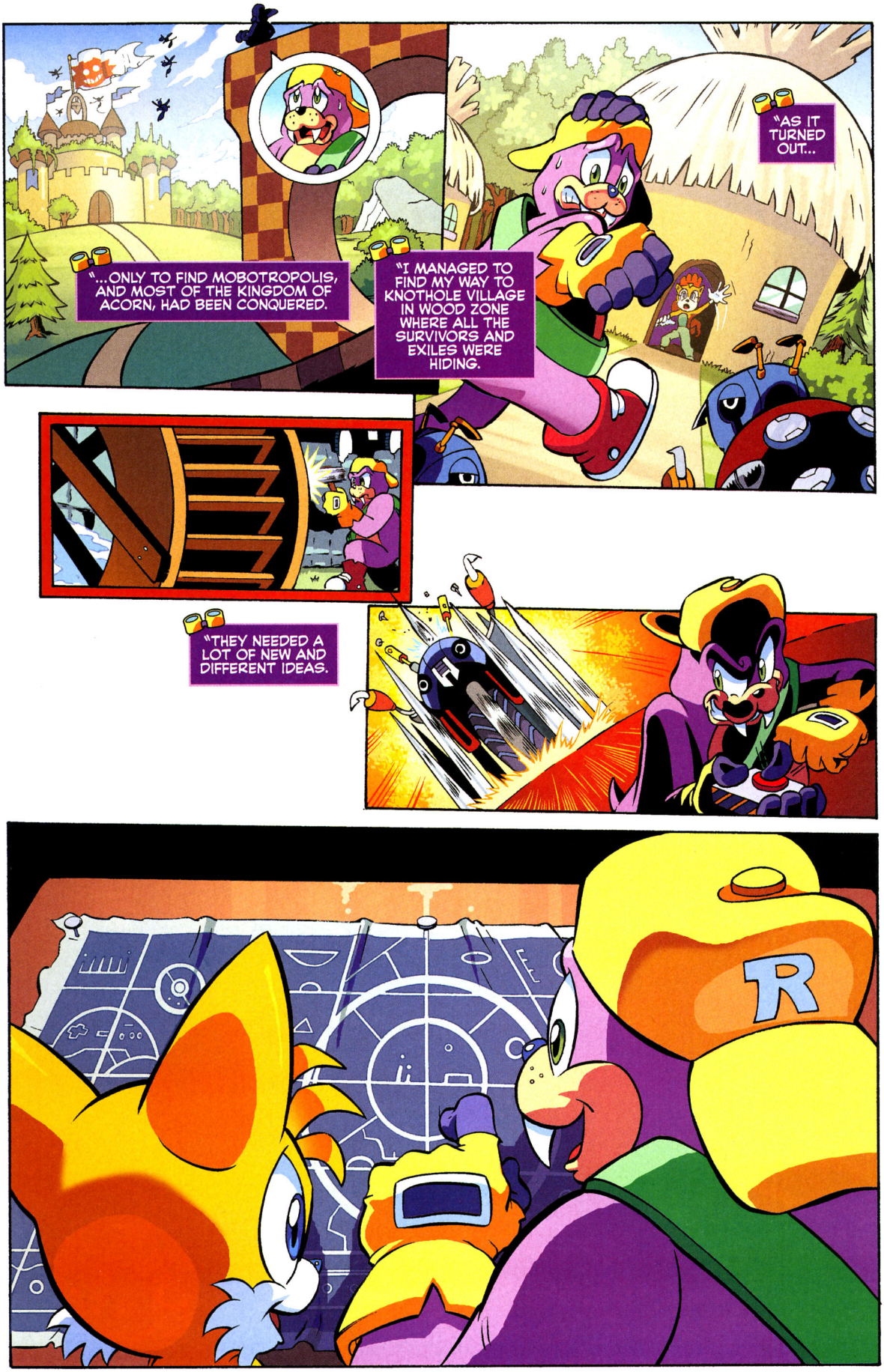
"TOGETHER WE FOUGHT THE EGGMAN EMPIRE. WE RESCUED MY FATHER, RESTORED MY KINGDOM, AND TIME AND AGAIN WE FOILED DR. EGGMAN'S PLANS TO CONQUER THE WORLD.
"IT BECAME MY NEW LIFE--ONE THAT I LOVED...
"...AND ONE THAT I WAS SURE I'D HAVE TO GIVE UP ONE DAY."
DADDY...I'VE COME TO BEG YOU TO LET ME STAY WITH THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
WE DO SO MUCH GOOD TOGETHER! I REALIZE I'M THE PRINCESS, AND I HAVE OBLIGATIONS TO THE KINGDOM, BUT...
SALLY, YOU HONOR OUR KINGDOM WITH YOUR SELFLESS HEROISM. AND WHILE I'LL ALWAYS WORRY FOR MY LITTLE GIRL, IT WOULD BE MADNESS ON MY PART TO TAKE YOU AWAY FROM YOUR TEAM.
I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE. I WILL HANDLE THE MATTERS OF STATE HERE. YOU STAY WITH THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND PROTECT THE WORLD.

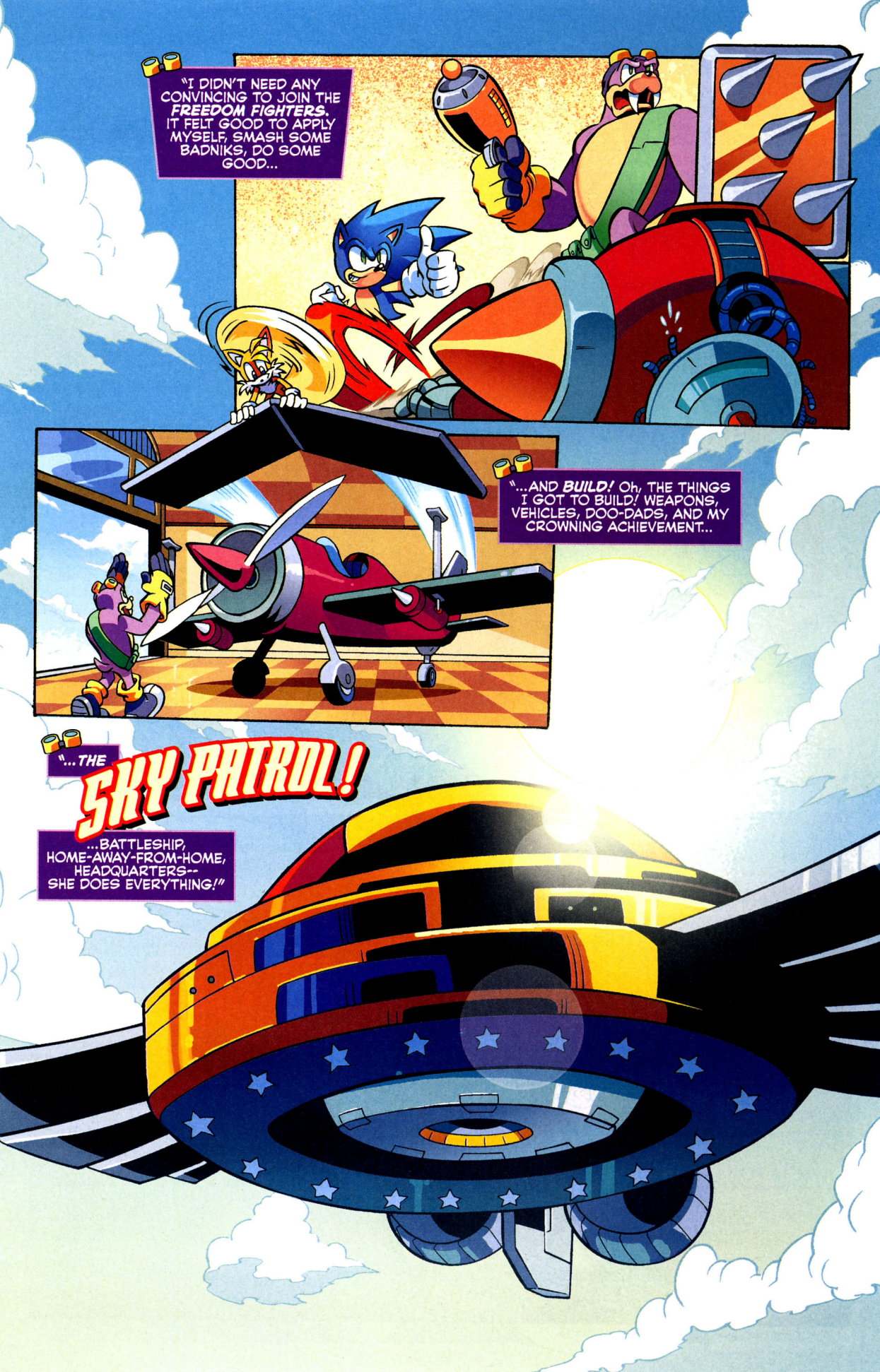

COME TO THINK OF IT... YES, THE PEACEFUL TIMES WERE GOOD.
THE ROAD HAS BEEN HARD. BUT I'VE FOUND SUCH WONDERFUL FRIENDS AND SUCH A GREAT PURPOSE--I WOULDN'T TRADE IT FOR ANYTHING.
YO, SAL! YOU GONNA COORDINATE THE TEAM OR WHAT?
SINCE WHEN DID YOU EVER WAIT FOR ME TO HAVE A PLAN?
SINCE WHEN DID YOU EVER TAKE SO LONG TO COME UP WITH ONE?
QUIT DODGING MY QUESTIONS AND START DODGING ATTACKS. I NEED YOU TO COVER ME WHILE I LINK UP WITH ANTOINE AND BUNNIE.
CAN DO. ON YOUR MARK!
MARK!
TIME TO SQUASH THAT GIANT BUG!
"I WAS BORN TO LEAD, AND ONE DAY I'LL TAKE THE THRONE. UNTIL THEN, I'M PERFECTLY HAPPY LEADING MY FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

VWOOSH
HAHAHAHA
SONIC COMIC ORIGINS
ROTOR--THE EXILED INVENTOR
BOOM
ARE YOU AIMING AT ME OR WHAT, YA HUNK O' JUNK?
SONIC'S ON THE MOVE--AND THAT SCORPIUS-THING IS RIGHT BEHIND HIM! IT LOOKS LIKE SALLY IS REGROUPING WITH ANTOINE...
ROTOR WALRUS BATTLE MECHANIC
MILES "TAILS" PROWER YOUNG GENIUS
GOOD! THAT MEANS SHE HAS A PLAN. WE NEED TO HURRY UP AND GET THIS CANNON WORKING.
ABOARD THE SKY PATROL --TRAINING SIMULATOR
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG (AS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW!)

WRITER: IAN FLYNN / PENCILS: LAMAR WELLS / INKS: RICK BRYANT / COLORS: MATT HERMS / LETTERS: JACK MORELLI / COVER by: TRACY YARDLEY
ASSISTANT EDITOR: VINCENT LOVALLO / EDITOR/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of EDITORIAL: PAUL KAMINSKI / EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: VICTOR GORELICK
PRESIDENT: MIKE PELLERITO / PUBLISHER: JON GOLDWATER / THANKS TO: ANTHONY GACCIONE and the
CHARACTER BUSINESS and LICENSING DEPARTMENT of SEGA CORPORATION

YOU GOTTA GIVE IT TO NICOLE --SHE KNOWS HOW TO RUN A TOUGH TRAINING SESSION!
YEAH...
"FIGHTING BADNIKS IS TOUGH, SURE. BUT I'VE FACED TOUGHER...
"WHEN I WAS LITTLE, WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH OF ANYTHING. SO I WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT WE HAD.
"I WAS AN INVENTIVE KID. I SAW HOW MACHINES COULD GO TOGETHER IN NEW WAYS. NOT ALWAYS BETTER, BUT AT LEAST DIFFERENT.
"MY FATHER... DIDN'T LIKE NEW OR DIFFERENT THINGS. HE DIDN'T REALLY LIKE ME.
"SO I LEFT. IT WAS REALLY HARD GOING ON MY OWN, BUT I HAD HOPE.
"MOBOTROPOLIS! 'THE GREATEST CITY IN THE WORLD,' THEY SAID. I MADE IT ALL THE WAY SOUTH...


"...ONLY TO FIND MOBOTROPOLIS, AND MOST OF THE KINGDOM OF ACORN, HAD BEEN CONQUERED.
"I MANAGED TO FIND MY WAY TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE IN WOOD ZONE WHERE ALL THE SURVIVORS AND EXILES WERE HIDING.
"AS IT TURNED OUT...
"THEY NEEDED A LOT OF NEW AND DIFFERENT IDEAS.
R


"I DIDN'T NEED ANY CONVINCING TO JOIN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. IT FELT GOOD TO APPLY MYSELF, SMASH SOME BADNIKS, DO SOME GOOD...
"...AND BUILD! OH, THE THINGS I GOT TO BUILD! WEAPONS, VEHICLES, DOO-DADS, AND MY CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT...
"...THE SKY PATROL!
...BATTLESHIP, HOME-AWAY-FROM-HOME, HEADQUARTERS-- SHE DOES EVERYTHING!"

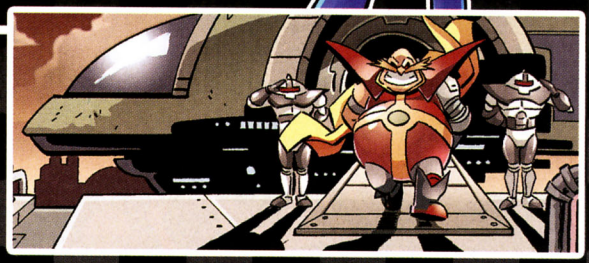
THERE!
WHU--SORRY?
I'VE GOT THE WIRING SORTED OUT.
ALRIGHT, LET'S BRING THE THUNDER TO THAT BOT!
YEAH! AND NOT--Y'KNOW--HAVE IT BLOW UP IN OUR FACES.
HAHAHARRRRGH...*
VMMMMMM
KA-BOOM
YEAH! YEAH! THAT'LL DO NICELY!
WOO! NICE SHOT, GUYS!
THANKS, SONIC! WE'RE READY TO MOVE ON TO GATE TWO!
AND WHATEVER GETS IN OUR WAY, YOU CAN BE SURE I'LL KNOCK IT DOWN!
"I MAY BE A LONG WAY FROM MY BIRTHPLACE, BUT HERE? IN THE THICK OF IT WITH THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS? I'M HOME."
THE ORIGIN OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CONTINUES IN UPCOMING ISSUES OF SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE AND THE SONIC SUPER DIGEST!
PLUS, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CONTINUE THEIR MISSION TO SAVE THE PLANET AND DEFEAT EGGMAN IN CURRENT ISSUES OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND SONIC UNIVERSE! ON SALE NOW AT A COMIC SHOP NEAR YOU!

SONIC™ THE HEDGEHOG

THE STORY SO FAR...

THE EGGMAN ARRIVES

Welcome to Sonic's world! Once a lush and wondrous land, it was nearly ruined by the conquest of Dr. Ivo "Eggman" Robotnik. The Eggman Empire has gone by many styles and many names, but its standards for evil are known worldwide. Dr. Eggman's Badnik Horde threatened the whole planet, and half the planet's citizens were enslaved, turned into mindless robots through the process of "roboticization."

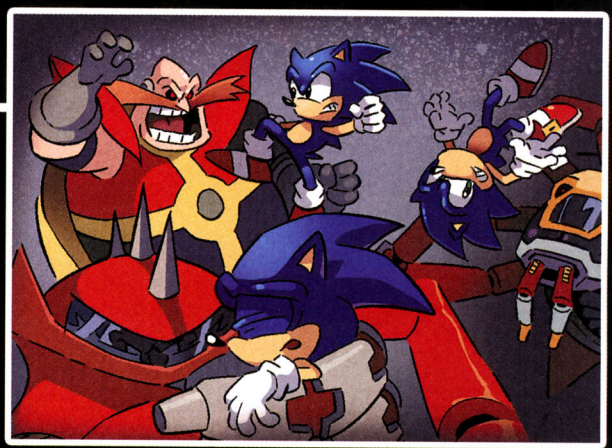


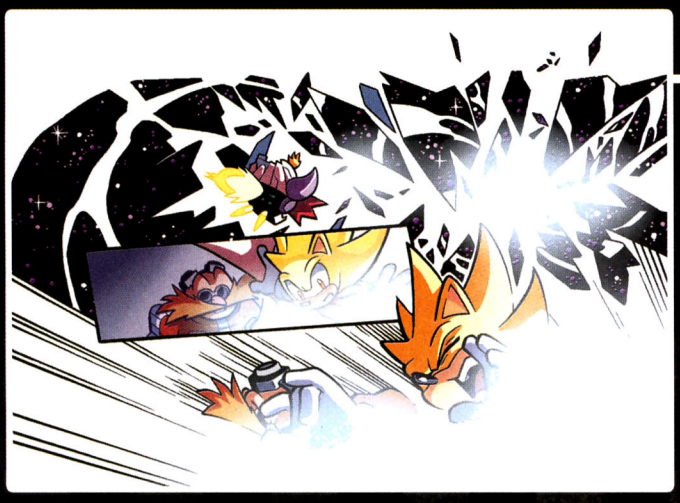
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS

But there are many who stand against the doctor, most famously Sonic the Hedgehog. He runs at the speed of sound, he shatters Badniks with his rolling Spin Dash, and is the coolest hedgehog around (and he knows it, too). Joining him are the Freedom Fighters – his long-time friends who've grown up fighting the Eggman Empire.

SONIC STRIKES BACK!

After Dr. Eggman's initial take-over, Sonic and the Freedom Fighters struck back from their village of Knothole, hidden in the Great Forest. Their little rebellion grew, and they managed to retake their home city of Mobotropolis for a time. But Dr. Eggman would not stay defeated for long.



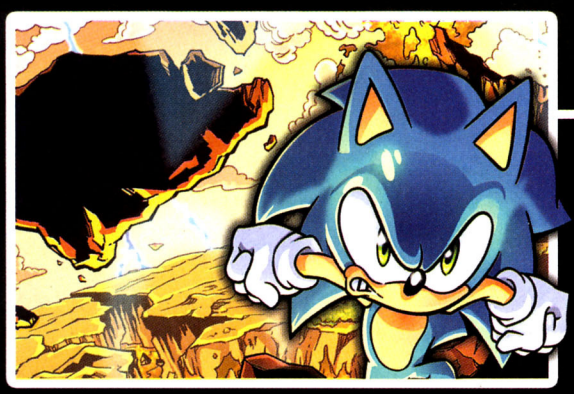


ALTERED REALITY

The war has been long and costly. From base to base, city to city, continent to continent, to space and back – Sonic and Dr. Eggman have been battling for the fate of the entire planet for years! In their most recent brawl, the mad doctor used a reality-warping device known as the Genesis Wave to completely alter Sonic's world! Combined with Sonic's Chaos Control, the results were unimaginable.

SYSTEM RESET

Waking up to an alternate world was quite the shock. Sonic's previous memories of his original world became hazy and new memories from the alternate reality started to form. On top of that, strange tremors were occurring all over the world! Although he was concerned about the situation, the Blue Blur knew that as long as he and his friends were together, they could overcome any obstacle! With the help of the his best buddy Tails, and the A.I. Nicole, Sonic re-gathered the Freedom Fighters.



THE SHATTERED WORLD

Just when things started to take a turn for the better, Sonic's world began to tear itself apart. The instability of reality and the collapse of the multiverse triggered this planet-sized catastrophe, and it could spell the end for Sonic's world! It is now up to Sonic and the Freedom Fighters to set things right and restore their broken home! ■

AND THE STORY CONTINUES...

THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES!

ONLY FROM ARCHIE COMICS!

COMIC SHOP LOCATOR SERVICE
888-COMIC-BOOK
comicshoplocator.com

GET ALL THESE GREAT ARCHIE COMICS & GRAPHIC NOVELS AT YOUR **LOCAL COMIC BOOK RETAILER.**
TO SEE MORE GREAT ARCHIE COMICS READING, GO TO **ARCHIECOMICS.COM**

Archie® COMICS

©SEGA. Licensed for use by ARCHIE COMIC PUBLICATIONS, INC.

SONIC™

THE HEDGEHOG

RETURN OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS

SEGA Archie COMICS

@ArchieComics #SonicTheHedgehog
ArchieComics.com

©SEGA. Licensed for use by ARCHIE COMIC PUBLICATIONS, INC.

©CAPCOM. Licensed for use by ARCHIE COMIC PUBLICATIONS, INC.